MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI: May I know whether this particular liquor contains any ingredients from cocoa? (*Laughter*)

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: It is made from cocoanut toddy.

Appointment of Dr. Noble as Inspecting Medical Officer and his qualifications.

MR. P. PADMANABHAN TAMPI: (1) Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) what Dr. Noble's professional qualifications are; and

(*b*) whether he possesses University Degrees, and, if so, what they are?

(2) Will they be pleased to state whether, in answer to interpellations in the Legislative Council, they denied that he was going to be appointed as Inspecting Medical Officer; and under that circumstances they were induced to appoint him as such later?

(3) Will they be pleased to state whether there are persons in the Travancore Medical service possessing professional and other qualifications superior to those possessed by Dr. Noble?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (1) (*a*) and (*b*) Dr. Noble holds the M. D. Degree of the Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia, United States of America.

(2) There was no interpellation on the subject.

(3) There are persons in the Travancore Medical service possessing different professional and other qualifications of Universities of different countries.

MR. P. PADMANABHAN TAMPI: May I know from the member whether there was a cut motion in the Legislative Council about the appointment of Dr. Noble?

MR. K. GEORGE: There was no cut motion but there was an adjournment motion.

MR. P. PADMANABHAN TAMPI: May I know from the member whether in that motion Government replied that the appointment of Dr. Noble was not in the contemplation of Government?

MR. K. GEORGE; No, there was no proposal at the time when the motion was made to appoint him.

MR. P. PADMANABHAN TAMPI: What made the Government to change their opinion in the appointment?

MR. K. GEORGE; The opinion was not changed.

MR. P. PADMANABHAN TAMPI: May I know from the member whether the University qualification of Dr. Noble is taken as a test or as a qualification for the Medical service in Travancore?

MR. K. GEORGE: I do not understand the member.

MR. P. PADMANABHAN TAMPI: May I know from the member whether the qualifications that Dr. Noble has, have been considered proper for the Medical service in Travancore?

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MR. K. GEORGE: No other person with that degree has applied.

MR. P. PADMANABHAN TAMPI: Are the qualifications of of Dr. Noble equal to the qualifications obtained in England and Edinburgh?

MR. K. GEORGE: I have already answered that the qualifications in different places are different. Those persons who come from England have a different qualification taking a different degree from a different University. This is a degree from a University in America.

MR. P. PADMANABHAN TAMPI: May I know whether the member will be pleased to state the amount that Dr. Noble draws from Government as an Inspecting Medical Officer?

MR. K. GEORGE: Rs. 500.

MR. P. PADMANABHAN TAMPI: Will the member be pleased to state the amount that he draws as a Medical Officer of the Palace?

MR. K. GEORGE: Rs. 400.

MR. P. PADMANABHAN TAMPI: Will the member be pleased to state the amount that he has drawn by way of travelling allowance for the last six months?

MR. K. GEORGE: I have not got the information. That will vary according to the extent of his journey.

MR. P. PADMANABHAN TAMPI: Will the Government be pleased to state whether in spite of the orders issued by the Darbar Physician prohibiting Dr. Noble from inspecting certain hospitals which he had an opportunity of seeing, Dr. Noble visited those hospitals?

PRESIDENT: These questions do not arise.

MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: Is the degree held by Dr. Noble registerable anywhere in the United Kingdom?

MR. K. GEORGE: I claim notice.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI: May I know the name of the University which conferred this degree on Dr. Noble?

MR. K. GEORGE: Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI May I know, Sir, when the degree was obtained by Dr. Noble?

MR. K. GEORGE: I claim notice.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI: May I know, Sir, further, whether Dr. Noble possessed this degree when he was appointed a member of the Medical Board?

MR. K. GEORGE: I understand he had the degree.

MR. G. NARAYANA AIYAR: May I know from the member whether there is any rule in Travancore prescribing the qualifications necessary for the post of Inspecting Medical Officer?

MR. K. GEORGE: The post of an Inspecting Medical Officer must be held by a person who is a qualified medical man.

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MR. G. NARAYANA AIYAR: May I know from the member whether there are any limits of qualifications for an Inspecting Medical Officer?

MR. K. GEORGE: No.

MR. G. NARAYANA AIYAR: May I know from the member whether Dr. Noble did not recommend that the Kottaram Government Dispensary be handed over to the Mission Institution?

PRESIDENT: That does not arise.

Government fruit farms.

24. MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state how many Government fruit farms there are in the State and where they are?

MR. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Ag. Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*): There is only one Government fruit farm in the State and that is situated at Kottaram near Cape Comorin.

MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: How are these fruits disposed of?

MR. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: They are sold to the public.

MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: Have the Government any idea of opening new farms in other places, for example, Shencotta, south Travancore and the High Ranges?

MR. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: At present Government have no idea.

MR. P. PADMANABHAN TAMPI: May I know from the member whether there are facilities for the upkeep of the fruit gardens such as water-supply, etc., at the Cape?

MR. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: There was some difficulty in regard to water-supply during the summer months, but that difficulty is now overcome by taking water in carts.

MR. P. PADMANABHAN TAMPI: Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have taken any action for digging a well in the fruit garden?

MR. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: We have already dug up one or two wells there.

MR. P. PADMANABHAN TAMPI: Do these give sufficient water for the fruit garden?

MR. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: The major portion of the requirements is being met by these wells.

MR. P. PADMANABHAN TAMPI: Does not the member think that sufficient and copious water-supply is necessary?

MR. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: If the farm is to be extended, we must have other sources of supply.

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